

TRIBUTE TO OPERATION
RECOGNITION CLASS OF 2016

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the Operation Recognition Class of 2016. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veteran's Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

Riverside County's Operation Recognition is modeled after programs implemented in other states. Numerous county offices of education and school districts throughout California operate similar programs. The programs are yet another way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

The Operation Recognition Class of 2016 includes: John Danahy, Wildomar, US Army, Vietnam War; James Milton Hannibal, Temecula, US Air Force, Vietnam War; Leonard W. Heiselt, Murrieta, US Navy, Vietnam War; James William Hicks, Cherry Valley, US Army, Vietnam War; Alvin C. Horn, Moreno Valley, US Air Force, Korean War; Edward Patrick Mata, Riverside, US Army, World War II (posthumously); Robert Navarro, Riverside, US Army, Korean War; Walter Schedler, Murrieta, US Army, World War II; and Tony M. Tovar, Riverside, US Army, Korean War.

On behalf of all Riverside County residents and a grateful nation, I want to thank these veterans for their service to our country and congratulate them on being part of the Operation Recognition Class of 2016.

A TRIBUTE TO ERNIE SMITH IN
THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ernie Smith of Red Oak, Iowa, for being named by the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest active pilot in the world.

Ernie has been a licensed pilot since September 15, 1942. For the past 74 years, local friends have known that, if you cannot find Ernie nearby, he is probably up in the sky. In January 2016, Red Oak Airport Manager Kevin McGrew and other community leaders nominated him for the distinction of "oldest active pilot in the world." Later this spring, they videotaped a flight to authenticate his activity in the air. The official pronouncement from the Guinness Book of World Records came recently, confirming that Ernie Smith, 98, is officially "the oldest active pilot in the world," soaring beyond the previous record by five years.

Ernie told Omaha, Nebraska-based KMTV-TV last December why he likes to fly: "I say,

well, I don't know how to tell you, but you come out some morning before daylight and go out and watch that sun come up over the horizon and you'll have your answer." Ernie still flies in a rented plane, usually two times a week. He even braved foggy weather conditions to celebrate his 98th birthday in the sky last December.

Mr. Speaker, it is because of Iowans like Ernie that I'm proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him for this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, MAJOR GENERAL ALLEN E. BREWER OF MISSISSIPPI

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Allen E. Brewer, the Assistant Adjutant General of Mississippi, for his service in the National Guard. He will retire his time in uniform after 37 years of loyal service to Mississippi and the United States. Major General Brewer was appointed Assistant Adjutant General—Army, in October 2015. As the Assistant Adjutant General, he has guided the formulation, development and implementation of all programs and policies affecting the Mississippi Army National Guard and its nearly 10,000 Citizen Soldiers.

Beginning his service in July of 1979, Major General Brewer distinguished himself through exceptional meritorious service while performing in many positions of responsibility, culminating as The Assistant Adjutant General for the State of Mississippi. Major General Brewer demonstrated his professionalism, and a God-given gift for leadership while serving the Mississippi National Guard. He was selected as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations/G3 for the Mississippi National Guard. Due to his exceptional performance in readiness and planning, he was selected as Commander, Special Operations Detachment South where he was responsible for all aspects of a Special Operations Headquarters functions and commanded the unit during combat operations in Afghanistan in 2012.

During his command in Special Forces, Major General Brewer was requested by name to serve as the Land Component Commander for the 3RD Air Force—Blue Flag 10-1 exercise at Hurlburt Field, FL. His vast experience of producing results led to his election as national chairman for the Special Operations Advisory Committee.

Major General Brewer's exemplary service in positions of increasing responsibility led to his selection as the Director of the Joint Staff, Mississippi National Guard in July 2012 and a subsequent promotion to Brigadier General. Major General Brewer supervised and directed the Mississippi Army National Guard's accomplishment and management of budgets and resources for many of the major Army National Guard Programs. His service to the Adjutant General as an advisor and counsel for the development of Joint Strategic Plans and

Programs for Joint Training and Exercises was above reproach due to his extensive background during his career.

Receiving over 25 awards and honors in his time in the military, Major General Brewer's service in a myriad of positions was instrumental to the successes enjoyed by the Mississippi National Guard units during numerous combat deployments and domestic responses. He passionately displayed hard work and dedication focusing on providing ready Soldiers and units to the defense of the nation. Major General Brewer's service and accomplishments have had a positive and lasting impact on the Mississippi National Guard as well as the United States Army.

I would like to extend my best wishes to Major General Allen E. Brewer upon his retirement from the Mississippi National Guard and future endeavors and a heartfelt thank you to him and his family for their service to this nation, and our state.

A TRIBUTE TO JULIE WALTERS IN
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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Julie Walters, of Villisca, Iowa, for being selected as a 2016 Women Impacting the Land award recipient.

The Women Impacting the Land award showcases Iowa women for their contributions to managing farmland and livestock. Ms. Walters is a farmer in addition to serving as the Page County Clerk of Court for 31 years. She has participated in Annie's Project and Women Managing Cattle in 2010 and 2014. She is constantly learning about her family's cattle operation and making changes to improve their farm's productivity.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Julie Walters demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and improving themselves and their business through education. Her efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Julie for her achievements and wish her nothing but continued success.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF MANGOLD FORD IN EUREKA, IL

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commemorate Mike Mangold and Mangold Ford, in Eureka, Illinois, for 60 years of outstanding service to our community.

Charles and Mary Mangold first opened the doors of Mangold Ford in 1956 with the intention of providing quality service based on Christian principles. Because of their faith and acumen, their dealership now employs over